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Largest and most beautiful stock of BUTTONS and CLASPS to match all kinds of Dress (Goods to be seen in our city;
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PARASOLS PARASOLS—Now is the best time to select them. We have an enormous stock, comprising all the noveltes for this season, and they are being sold so we receipt that room can refuse to purchase one. CHILDREN'S and MISSES' PARASOLS from the up. SOLS from the up.
MATTINGS and Olf-CLOTHS.—An immense stock in the most beautiful designs, and

OUT Prices are very low.

ADJES MUNICIPALIN UNDERWEAR and LADJES', MEN'S, and CHILDREN'S GAUZE
UNDERWEAR are being sold for such a little money that it will surprise you to see

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We invite all to an inspection of our enormous stock, assuring you that low prices prevail at

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CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.

EDWARD II. FISHER

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Subject to the Democratic Primary, | my 6-1d.

TREASURER OF THE CITY OF MAN-

to be voted for at the election to be he May 27, 1886. You will see that the sa petitioners promise their hearty support. WILLIAM H. HART WILLIAM H. KIDD, H. F. FAULKNER. W. L. RICHARDSON. G. W. ROACH. WILLIAM FOSTER, CHARLES THOMPSON, JOE BROWN JOHNSON, JOEBPH BELL.

JOSEPH BELL

MANCHESTER, VA., May 5, 1886.

TO MESSRS, W. T. HART, W. II.

KIDD, B. F. FAULKNER, W. L.

RICHARDSON, G. W. ROACH, WILLIAM
FOSTER, CHARLES THOMPSON, JOES
BROWN JOHNSON, JOSEPH BELL, CHE
COMMITTEE) AND 375 OTHERS: After a
careful consideration of the petitions you
have presented to me. I hereby comply with
your request and announce myself a candipate for the office of TREASURER OF
THE CITY OF MANCHESTER to be voted
for at the election to be held May 27, 1883.
If elected, I promise a faithful discharge of
the duties to the best of my humble abilities. Yours, very respectfully,
my 6-11\*

C. S. WELLS.

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DIBEASES ARE PREVALENT ALL OVER THE WORLD.

York having no connection with the repitals.

I saw the advertisement of Swift's Specific, and I determined to give it a trial as a
just resort. I had given up all hope of being
sured, as I had gone through the hands of
the best medical men in Nottingham and
New York. I took six bottles of S. S. S.
and I can say with great joy that they have
sured me cultrely. I am as sound and well
as I ever was in my life.

L. FRED, HALFORD.

NEW YORK CITY, June 12, 1885.

BLOOD

is the life, and he is wise who remembers it. But in March of last year (1884) I contracted blood-poison, and being in Savansh. G., at the time, I went into the hospital there for treatment. I suffered very much from rheumatism at the same time I did not get well under the treatment there, nor was I cured by any of the usual means. I have now taken seven bottles of swift's Specific, and am sound and well. If drove the poison out through holls on the kim.

DAN LEAHY.

JEESEY CITY, N. J., August 7, 1885.

Two years ago I contracted blood-poison, After taking prescriptions from the best physicians here and at Dallas, I concluded to visit Hot Springs, and on reaching Texarkana a doctor recommended me to try Swift's Specific, assuring me that it would benefit me more than Hot Springs, Although the

POISON

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bad produced great holes in my back and
chest, and had removed all the hair off my
head, yet I began to improve in a week's
time, and the sores began to heal, and were
entirely gone inside of eight weeks.

Porter Union Pass, Depot,
Cisco, Texas, July 13, 1885.
Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases
mailed free.
THE SWIFT SPECIFIC COMPANY,
Drawer 5, Atlanta, Ga.; New York, 187
west Twenty-third street.

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MADISON WARD.

FOR RE-ELECTION.

MONROE WARD.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE. WILLIAM C. BAILEY

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE MADSHALL WARD.
Subject to 146 Democratic Primary. May
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RESPECTFULLY ANNOUNCE

subject to the decision of the Primary. my 6-6t LEWIS P. WINSTON. WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO ANNOUNCE JOHN W. OTLEY

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MONROE WARD.
Subject to Democratic Primary.
[my 5-td1

FOR RE-ELECTION. JOHN H. FRISCHKORN COMMON COUNCIL

JEFFERSON WARD, Subject to the Primary, jmy 5-tdl FOR COMMON COUNCIL

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN FROM CLAY WARD, Subject to the Democratic Primary, [my 5-41]

GEORGE C. CHILDREY JEFFER-ON WARD, Subject to the Democratic Primary, [my 5-61\*]

W. S. GUNN, for re-election to

CLAY WARD.
Subject to Democratic primary election
May 12, 1886. my 4-81\* T. P. CAMPBELL for re-election to COMMON COUNCIL

FROM
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Subject to decision of the Democratic pri
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W. J. MCDOWELL
for
COMMON COUNCIL
from
MONROE WARD,
Subject to the Democratic Primary.
[my 4-t4]

R. WOODSON

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY. is a candidate for re election, subject to the Democratic primary. ap 28

MOST RESPECTFULLY AN-

RESPECTFULLY ANNOUNCE myself a candidate for re-election for CITY SERGRANT, subject to nomination by the Democratic party.

RESPECTFULLY ANNOUNCE MY. AUDITOR.

my 4-Tu Th&F MILES TURPIN. RESPECTFULLY ANNOUNCE

MYSELF A CANDIDATE FOR RE-TREASURER OF MANCHESTER.

my 2.649 st J. W. BRONAUGH, JR.

QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE

CHURCH, SOUTH.

METHODISTICAL.

WELCOME TO RICHMOND

SPEECH BY REV. A. C. BLEDSOE-RE-SPONSE BY BISHOP MCTYEIRE.

THE ADDRESS OF THE BISHOPS

The State of the Church-Officers Elected-Daily Sittings-Committees-Personals, &c.

Methodism had its origin in England in the 18th century. In the year 1729 John Wesley, a fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, became convinced of the necessity of a deeper spiritual life, and with his brother Charles, likewise a student of Oxford, and a few other associates, he organized a meeting for their mutual moral improvement. The band soon began to manifest increased religious zeal by visiting almshouses and prisons, and by instructing the children of the poor, and by a strict and conscientious observance of all the ordinances of the Church. They were joined by others, among them Mr. Hervey and Mr. George White-field, of Pembroke College, till at the end of six years they numbered four-

teen or fifteen persons.

The rigid exactness of their lives attracted general attention among their fellows. They were objects of ridicule and contempt, and received various designations; but the term "Methodists" was applied to them by a stu-dent of Christchurch College on account of their methodical mode of life and work. In 1735 the brothers Wesley left England for Georgia and the band was dissolved, but the religious life that had there been enkindled manifested itself in the more zealous ministrations of the members of the "Godly Club." After his return Wesley began to preach in London, and he declared that his sole object was to bring back the Church to a pure and hely life and to save the degraded and neglected.

For the same object Whitefield and others had already labored earnestly during the absence of the Wesleys in

These reformers were at first received with coldness by the public, and their labors were regarded with suspi-cion or hostility. Wesley was at length debarred admission to the pulpits. Later he began preaching to the people in fields and barns, and was oftentimes assailed by mobs. The converts made were formed into societiefor mutual edification and improvement, called the United Societies. For the government of these societies a few simple rules were proposed by the Wesleys, which, with slight exceptions, are still recognized as the "General Rules" by all branches of the Methodist Church. John Wesley was born June 17,

1703; was ordained deacon in 1725; elected a fellow of Lincoln College in 1726, and appointed Greek lecturer and taries. moderator of the classes, and graduated as Master of Arts, in 1727. He became his father's curate at Wroote in August, 1727; was ordained priest in 1728; and returned to Oxford November, 1729, and it was then he formed activity, in which he travelled much, | loud voice, "Amen!" preached almost incessantly, and wrote dume after volume, he died March 2.

DR. GEORGE B. STEEL
will receive the support of many voters for
COMMON COUNCIL Charles Wesley was also a clergy-man. He was born December 18, 1705. and was educated at Westminster School at the Democratic Primary, May 12, 18:6, [my 6-6t] and at Oxford. He possessed merit as a preacher, but his great fame rests on his hymns.

MR. C. S. WELLS: DEAR SIR.—
The undersigned committee, representing the 375 voters and citizens of Machesler whose names are signed to the petitions herewith presented to you, most respectfully petition and request that you will announce yourself a candidate for the office of died at Newburyport, Mass., September 30, 1770. He, too, was educated at Oxford and ordained to the ministry. He made seven tours in America. After 1741 he disagrees with Wesley on predestination, and the Calvinistic and Wesleyan Methodists bave ever since remained distinct bodie In 1844 the Methodists in the United States divided on the question of

slavery. The first General Conference of the Church, South, was held in Petersburg. Va., in 1846. This present Gene ral Conference is composed of an equal number of lay and clerical delegates elected by the Annual Conferences at their sessions next preceding the time for the meeting of the General Conference, and consists of 268 dela gates. At the beginning of the war th Church, South had 537.136 white, 207. 766 colored, and 4,000 Indian mem-bers. In 1882 the membership numbered 861,000 whites, and the colored members had been organized into a separate General Conference. The present General Conference representa more than a million of ministers an

members. The Assembling of the Conferen

OVER THE WORLD,

I am a native of England, and while I was in that country I contracted a terrible blood-poison, and for two years was under treatment as an out-door patient at Nottingham Hespital, England, but was not cured. I suffered the most agonizing pains in my bones, and was covered with sores all over my body and limbs. I had vertige and dearness, with partial loss of sight, severe pains in my head and eyes, etc., which nearly ran me crazy. I lost all hope in that country and salled for America, and well as by a prominent physician in New York having no connection with the hospitals.

The advertisement of Swift's Spe-The delegates began to arrive at the church early, and by 91 o'clock the on the ends of the pews, designating the seats to be occupied by the variou State delegations.

A beautiful baptismal font filled with

flowers stood in front of the chance railing. Handshaking and kindly greetings of old friends were freely indulged in until a little after 9:30 o'clock, when the

Bishop McTyeire.
The bymn "High On His Everlasting Throne " was then sung, Rev. A. C

Bledsoe leading in splendid voice. POSITIONS OF THE BISHOPS. The five bishops occupied the pulpit platform, Bishop McTyeire in the cen-tre, Bishops Keener and Granbery to

the right, Bishops Wilson and Hargrove The venerable Dr. McFerrin occupied

a seat inside the chancel to the right of the centre. The main floor and spacious galleries were well filled. Many ladies occupied seats in the galleries and that part of the

main floor allotted to the public. Bishop Granbery led the Conference in prayer. He opened with an address of praise to God for the glory of His perfections and the excellence of His works. This he followed with thanksgiving for the general success of the Gospel, for the great success of the Methodist Church, for the extraordinary Methodist Church, for the extraordinary advantages gained during the last quadrennium, for great revivals of religion during the past two years. The continuance of these blessings of God was invoked upon the Church, in which the whole Conference joined

with great fervor.

Bishop Keener then read the first Bishop Keener then read the first lesson—the 72d Psalm, "Give the King Thy judgments, O God"—after which Bishop Wilson read the 1st chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake," &c.

The hymn, "Try Us, Oh God," was given M. Eledsee leading.

sung, Mr. Bledsoe leading. THE SECOND PRAYER.

Dr. McFerrin next lead in prayer.

He said:

We come sgain before Thee, O Lord, and fall down on our knees and thank Thee for thy mercles. Since we adjourned four years ago many of our brethren have passed away. Faces that encouraged us in our work are now shrouded in death. We thank Thee that so many of us are spared to meet this day. We do thank Thee for all that Thou hast done for our country and our people. We thank Thee for all that Thou bast done for our country and our people. We thank Thee for the success of our missions as home and abroad.

We thank Thee that thou hast sanctified the press. We thank Thee for the macrostopic thank Thee thank Thee for the main churches that have been built. Lord, bless our coming together. Preside over our deliberations, Lord, give wisdom to our bishops to preside, and may all be done well and without favor or affection.

Hiess all the members of the Conference with wisdom for this occasion. Lord, bless our families at home. O. Lord, we pray Thee bless the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren.

Lord hiess the preachers who shall preach during this Conference. May the Hold Ghost descend upon them in peace and ring this Conference. Lord bless the families of Richmond; be present in every home where thy servants are lodged. Lord, some of us have but a little time left for work. Lord, help us to do our work well.

The Doctor closed his prayer in a tone of voice that indicated the earnestness of a great soul pleading with God and feeling that in a short time he must stand in the presence of the Master.

Conferences represented here. The roll has been made out from the returns furnished by the secretaries. I request the secretary of the last Conference to come forward and call the roll. Call by Conferences, the clerical delegates first, the lay delegates afterward.

Dr. J. S. Martin, of the Baltimore Conference, came inside the chancel, and from a paper which he held in his hand called the roll in the order dictated by the senior Bishop. MR. TOM BRANCH.

During the roll-call the venerable Thomas Branch, of this city, an honored layman of Centenary church, occupied his usual seat in the church-a large chair to the right of the pulpit against the wall, in the transept aisle. His generous and cheerful countenance grew bright beneath his snow-white hair as he viewed the assembly around

CONFERENCES AND RESERVE DELE-

The secretary announced that he had completed the call of the principals. Bishop McTyeire: The secretary will now call the conferences, and any reserve delegate present to serve in the place of a principal will please report

SECRETARIES.

his name.

The senior Bishop announced the roll complete and the Conference ready to proceed to the election of secretaries and other permanent officers. Dr. J. S. Martin and Dr. W. P. Harrison were nominated for secre-

A brother offered the name of Dr. Harrison as a substitute for all the nominations. The Bishop said : "The substitute

cannot be entertained. The vote will have to be taken on the nominations in his club. After a life of extraordinary | the order of their presentation." [A

on motion, he was allowed to mak Charles Wesley in Westminster Abbey nominated R. B. Crawford, of Alabawas unveiled by Dean Stanley March ma; Rev. W. A. Candler, of North

morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

STANDING COMMITTEES. The Conference ordered eleven stand

ing committees, composed of one delegate from each Conference, on the following work: Episcopacy, Itinerancy, Revisal, Sunday Schools, Missions. Boundaries, Education, Publishing Interests, Church Extension, Colportage, and Appeals. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The presiding elder of the Richmon district and the pastors of Richmonand Manchester were constituted a Committee on Public Worship.

The Conference requested the Conmittee on Arrangements to provide three pages to wait on the members o the Conference. BAR OF THE CONFERENCE.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the second bench in rear of the pew placarded.

Mr. Peterson moved that special con mittees be appointed on the following subjects: Bible Cause, Temperance. Fraternal Correspondence, and Introductions. Agreed to.

The Address of Welcome. Rev. A. C. Bledsoe then came for ward and made the following address

welcome to the Conference: welcome to the Conference:

"Mr. Fresident and Brethren of the Conference,"—i must ask the privilege of delaying the business of the Conference just for few moments on behalf of our Committee on Friedrament that I may have the privilege of extending to this body a few words of brotherly greeting and a heartfell welcome. I feel that I am acquainted with you. Some of you I know by name personally, others of you by reputation. As a committee, however, we feel that we know all of you.

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"We have had for a long time your name for earnest consideration. We have tried to get them straight, and have tried to per on ounce them correctly. We have written them and rewritten, and we were as familiar with them as we are with the alpha bet of our nother tongue. We have been in correspondence with many of you as regards your own personal comfort and accommodation during this session.

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"Is myled to know that many of you have brought your wives with you. This I regard as a compliment to us, and think they will make the session grander and more pleasant. God bless your wives. I am glad to welcome them in our midst.

"For the first time in the history of our Church since its organization, this highest ecclestastical body of our connection has assembled in our city, and I might say in the bounds of our State. We have looked forward to the coming of this body with no little interest. Just here I might be pardomed if I depart from the usual order and call attention to the fact that there is a tich binding to the hearts and homes of Richmond, of Virginia, most of the States and different sections here represented, which sir, has been strengthened by the stirring memories, grand achievements and hallowed associations of the past. There is an interest, sir, in connection with this gathering here in the cautial of our State of these workers for the Master from different parts of our fields. We remember, sir, that in the dark days that tried our hearts, your fathers, your sons, your husbands, and your brothers came, and we selected them and for four long, dark years they stool as a wall of defence around our homes and

around this city and capital. Many of them fell in the field of strife upon our soil.

SLEPTING THE SLEEP OF DEATH.

"Near us there are sleeping in our lovely Only on the constant of the grand missions of our church. We have constant to us as a Church here, and we believe that from this focal centre, where there is gathered the expertence, the wisdom, piety, and faith of these men of God, we shall be permitted to gather new inspiration for our work, and shall be permitted to light our torches anew at this great altar and go forward in Virginia gathering new strength and courage for the accomplishment of our work. He rejoiced that the church has reached so high towards the mountain-top of sublime achievement, but that there were yet lottler mountains in the Promised Leand inviting us to still grander endeavors, achievements, and victories than have ever yet been accomplished.

Rospitable worms.

'In behalf of our committee, and in bewarranting the formation of two Conterences.

The work in Brazil moves forward under consistions that present some encouragement.

The expenditures of the Foreign Board have outrun its resources. The amount raised for foreign missions from June, 1878, to April, 1882, was \$354.371.99; from May, 1882, to April, 1886, was \$672.030.34—an increase of more than \$400,000.

The extablishment of the Woman's Board of Missions in the Church has called out its wealth of female membership into active service in behalf of the heatnen. Its collections have increased to a total of \$175.064 for the present quadrennium.

"In behalf of our committee, and in behalf of the people of Richmond—I might say the entire State—I extend to you a hearty welcome. Thrice westcome-well-come to our homes, welcome to our homes, welcome to our homes, welcome because of the Church to which you are devoted, welcome because as ministers and laymen you are consecrating sourcelves to the grand work of the Masfer. Now, Mr. Freadent, you will allow me. In conclusion, to refer to the fact Flat as I shand here in this presence and glame over the appearances here be lies of Richmond; be present in every home where thy servants are lodged. Lord some of us have but a little time left for work. Lord, help us to do our work well.

The Doctor closed his prayer in a tone of voice that indicated the earnestness of a great soul pleading with God and feeling that in a short time he must stand in the presence of the Master.

CALL THE ROLL.

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Bishop McTyeire rose and said:

In the name of the General Conference i
thank you for your hearty and eloquent
welcome to Richmond and to Virginiawelcome among a people proverbial for
hospitality and in a city so rich in historia
associations of the Church as well as of the
State. Virginia first heard the Gospe,
according to Methodism from that model
missionary Robert Williams. I wish
we could find his grave and help to build
a monument over it. Bishop Asbury delighted to vist Brunswick and Amelia and
be impressed with the great revivals that
were conducted there. In this very city of
Richmond seventy years ago he preached
his last sermon. He had to be carried in a
chair to the place of the pulpit. He sat on a
table and preached his last sermon in Richmond. Virginia gave us lesse Lee, William
McKendree, and others, cerical and lay,
who retained a good report through faith—
through Methodist faith."

The Bishop then spoke of those who had
left Virginia and become successin and
prominent in other States, and in this connection he said: "Virginia is a good State
to be born in and not a bad state to go
away from Virginia."

To Garand, to Smith, to Duncan, and to
Beanett he paid high enlogues for their effoits in advancing Randopit-Macon Colege, the alma mater of so many distincussed Methodists. He reviewed the his
tory of this venerable institution of learn
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Bishep McTyeire announced that the address of the bishops was ready, and would be read whenever the Conference wanted to hear it. A motion was made that the address

be read at once, which was agreed to.

Bishep Keener then came forward

Dr. Martin was elected secretary, and. and read the quadrennial address. The following are the most salient points: Bishops' Address.

nominations of his assistants. He nominated R. B. Crawford, of Alabama; Rev. W. A. Candler, of North Georgia; and Rev. John D. Vincil, of Missouri; all of whom accepted.

RULES OF ORDER.

Dr. Whitehead presented rules of order which he moved to make the rules of the Conference.

The paper was referred to a special committee of five and ordered to be printed.

The Conference will be governed by the rules of the last Conference until the new rules are reported upon by the committee.

The Conference agreed to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Bishops' Address.

We greet you brethren beloved. In the name of our common Lord-each of you, as a body created by the floy Ghos.

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OTERAS, MATINESS, RACE-COURNES, DANC-ING, GAMBLING IN FUTURES, &C., &C.
Acts of worldliness to which our Church half a centry back was a stranger are now regarded without slarm by many Christian men and women, such as attending theatres and operas, occasionally visiting the race-course, dancing, permitting children to attend the weekly matines; to which may be added some noticeable forms of Sabbath-desecration, such as the neglect of church-going, excursions for pleasure, and the buying of food in the market-house. Yet graver offences occasionally committed pass unclailenged by Church authorities, such as gambling in "futures" and the purchasing of lottery tickets. It is not merely that such things are done, but that their doing shocas the spiritual sensibility of the membership so little.

Came.
One hundred years ago there were but 100 travelling preachers and 15,000 members in the United States; now there are within the several Methodisms 20,239 itinematic the several methodisms 20,318 members. These figures speak a greater prophecy. Let it be our care to conserve the forces which they represent.

The contennial offerings of our Church for 1844 amounted in all to the sum of \$1,375,000, nearly all of which was given for local objects. Only a small sum was consecrated to the foreign missionary work. The college of Hishops therefore suggested, in view of the state of the missionary treasury, that centenary offerings should be extended through the year 1885, and be confined to foreign missions and to Church extension.

This occasion may not be lost, which so fitly presents itself, for leaving upon our records a description of Universal Methodism for all the world arguestes 34 869 travelling preachers, 77, 65 local preachers, and 5,319,403 communicants which would make the number of its adherents to be about equal to the present population of the British lises.

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Buring the four years just passed our own total membership has increased from 860,-717 to 990,994, our itinemant preachers from 4.011 to 4406, and the local ministry from 5.869 to 5.948, the largest total quadrennial increase since our organization—136,277.

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The providence of God, which for years placed the negroes largely in our care, and which biessed our labors to their instruction, conversion, and elevation, has turned them away from us. It is no longer possible for us to provide pastors or to exercise discipline in colored churches. They are not willing to receive one or the other from the bands of a white minister. It is doubt full fithere is one single colored congregation of any church in the South served lightly by a white pastor of their own election. A white presiding elder may be tolerated by a colored Conference, or a white bishop if such oversight brings with it the money necessary to support the whole body.

The Colored Methedist Episcopal Church in America largely represents us in the seventy-six thousand members which were transferred to it by the direction of the General Conference of 1870, as well as by the ordination of its bishops and the transfer of titles to Church property for its use. The action of the last General Conference what has been accomplished. A school has been conference provided for a school agency and a trusteeship for creating a foundation for educating colored teachers and ministers. In this direction somewhat has been accomplished. A school has been opened at Augusta, Ga., mainly through the liberarity of our people during the last round of Conferences, at which some \$15,000 for an endowment fund. We commend this whole interest of the colored Church in America to your patient attention. The attitude of the negro toward all the institutions of the country is a problem, civil and spiritual, which becomes hourly more difficult of solution. Are these people yet fully capable of instructing themselves, or are they still committed in a measure to the white prescher were never more necessary to the elevation? I wently-five years have passed since their emancipation, and the experience of this per school board for a full statement of the present advanced state of this interest.

PUBLISHING-HOUSE.

Our publishing house has exceeded the most sanguine expectation of the General Conference of 1878. In relieving itself of debt and in advancing upon all the lines of work committed to its publishing committee, agent, and business manager. Since the last tieneral Conference the amount of bonds retired is some \$141,500, and which leaves the sum of \$80,000 in 4 per cent, bonds as its present outstanding debt. Besides this creditable result, the house has again entered fairly upon its proper work of publishing new books of standard quality and value, it is to be hoped that during the next two years its increased sales will enable the agent to provide for the last cent due upon old obligations and to start upon the novel career of wing no man anything. Already the fact that no new debts have been incurred during the past eight years is the harbinger of this financial achievement. We recommend that as soon as its debts are liquidated the publications of the hous, be brought down to rates that shall place them within easy reach of our people; and that it furnish an adequate supply of literature for missionary work.

The address was read by Bishop

Keener, and he was occupied about an hour and a half in so doing. After the address was read it wa

Shands, J. W. Tucker, A. G. Haygood, and N. H. D. Wilson, were announced by the Chair as the special committee to whom was referred the paper on fic missions in 1866 released our hands for the work of foreign missions. In this field we have since steadily labored, and with much encouragement from the Holy Spirit. The mission in China has received fresh impulse by the enlargement of its edu-cational department. rules of order.

MEXICAN MISSIONS.

DOMESTIC WORK,

CHURCH EXTENSION.

At 1:30 the Conference took a recess

MEXICAN MISSIONS.

The Mexican missions both on the border and in the centre of Mexico, have moved steadily forward. During the past four years they have grown to proportious warranting the formation of two Conferences. Afternoon Sension.

Rev. Samuel Rogers, of Baltimore, conducted the religious exercises, after which the eleven standing committees were announced. Each committee contains one member from each delegation.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. Dr. Duncan moved that a Committee on Finance be appointed composed of one member from each delegation. The Conference ordered the committee, after which it adjourned.

MEN AND MEASURES. Important Work and Notable Men of

The address then details the operations of the Church in the Western, the Denver, the Montana, the Columbia, the Pacific, and the Los Angelos Conferences, in all of which good progress is being made. The work in New Mexico and Arizona is daily assuming more importance. In the bounds of the West Texas and the Northwest Texas Conferences, the address says, there he extensive mission fields which are being compiled, which stretch westward toward. the Conference. It is believed that one of the most difficult questions the Conference will

missions of the Church. the Rio Grande and New Mexico,
INDIANS.

The Indian Mission Conference embraces now an Indian membership of 5:394 indians and 1,756 white persons. We have under our control six academies of high grade for the education exclusively of ludish children. This Conference embraces a territory of 37,142,240 acres of fand and facilides twenty reservations—the Arababec and Cheyenne, the Cherokee, Chickessew, Choclaw, Creek, Comanche, Chickessew, Choclaw, Creek, Comanche, Chickessew, Choclaw, Creek, Comanche, Chickessew, Choclaw, Cutswa, Pawhee, Peoris, Potlawatomie, the Quepaw, the Sac and Fox, the Seminole, Squeez, Shawnee, Wichid, and the Wyandotte—with a total powintion of 75,000 indians and 12,000 whites. The work in China is said to be all in a twist, if not tied up in knots. In Brazil the view is not very pleasing. Bishop Granbery started early in the year to visit the mission in order, it was believed, to straighten out the tangles. An epidemic of yellow-tever in that country warned him to defer his visit. In Mexico a great work has been lovely as a May morning. The Wo-man's Board (or their missionaries) and whites.

In this work we have forty-five pastoral charges and five presiding elder d stricts, forty-six traveiling presences, and 124 local preschers—most of them indians. The burden supplying this Territory with the Gospel als largely upon the Methodist Episcopel church, South.

The German Mission Conference has advanced surely in material strength, but has been much to encounter in the decrease of direct German immigration into the South.

DOMESTIC WORK. the superintendent of the mission (the representative of the parent Board) have not dwelt together in that pleasant unity spoken of as "like the precious ointment upon the head of Aaron,""the dew of Hermon," and as "the dew that descended upon the mountains of

Zion." THE NEW BISHOPS.

The domestic missionary work has largely come to be a form of sustentation for weak circuits and heavy men. The feeble Conterences that reany require help to prosecute their frontier circuits and to enarge their occupied territory are left to themselves; and by the present constitution can obtain nothing from those Conferences which have been long established and are occupying the more thickty populated regions of the Church. We commend to you the importance of so modifying the constitution of this society as to secure, if pressible, the purposes of its original creation. Four bishops have died during the last quadrennium. Their places will likely be filled, and one or two additional bishops elected. It is too early in the session to discover the prominent candidates for these positions. Dr. Haygood, of Georgia, who was elected to the Episcopal office at the last General Conference and de-clined to be consecrated, is a member of the present Conference. It is possible that he may again be asked to

don episcopal robes.

Amongst the members of the present Conference who received a large vote for bishop four years ago are Rev. E. R. Hendrix, of Missouri; Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, of California; Rev. W. M. Rush, of Missouri; Rev. P. A. Peterson, of Virginia; Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, of North Carolina; and Rev. R. A. Young, of Tennessee. The bishops are elected for life, or during good be havior.

OTHER OFFICERS.

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CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board for Church Extension \* \* \* has, during the last four years of its existence \* \* been instrumental in the building of some 51 churches, distributed all over the territory of Southern Methodism. \* The total sum raised by the Society is \$145.248.28. The total amount expended on buildings is \$13.345.63.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

The next subject dealt with is the institutions of learning. The address says that in the four years past these have advanced by greater strength and better position. Hon orable mention is made of the late William H. Vanderbill, who so nobly seconded the design of his father. Commodore Cornelius Vanderbill, in founding the Vanderbill, Liversity. By the bequest which he has left it the whole sum of his gifts now amount to \$460.000. It was certainly an unexpected and gracious Providence which turnes the heart of both father and son toward our church in the hour of its greatest need.

\*\*NEW-FANGLED HYMNS\*\*

The address says: Among subite influences for mischief which the passing four years have more distinctly brought out is the introduction of a foreign jestimody into our social meetings our Sabbath schools, and occasionally into our pulpits. This may be some mere ry thmic order of sense-less words set to a pleasant tune; or it may be some sentimental, patriotic effosion which might well enough serve the uses of a Government holiday; or it may be, and often is a poetic vehicle for the peculiar doctrines of another Church. But very certainly it is not the subiline and almost inspired numbers of Charles and John Wesley; those spiritual sougs which set forth in classic harmony the distinctive doctrines of sethedism. The charan of the Wesley at paslimody has drawn the heart of Christendon to our Church. It has ied the child of God through cedar alieys to the heights of faith— There are several other officers of importance to be elected-viz., the Secretary of the Board of Missions, present incumbent Rev. R. A. Young, of Tennessee; the Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, present incumbent Rev. David Morton, of Kentucky; Book Agent, present incumbent Rev. J. B. McFerrin, of Tennessee; Book Editor, present incumbent Rev. W. P. Harrison; Editor Christian Advocate (Nash-ville), present incumbent Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, of California; Editor Sunday-School Literature, present incum bent Rev. W. G. E. Cunningham, of

Tennessee.

The most notable figure in the Conference is Dr. John B. McFerrin, who leads the Tennessee delegation. He has been more than sixty years in the ministry, and is a tall, rugged, forcefullooking man. He is the tribune of Methodism. No man of his generation has achieved a more commanding in heights of faith—
Away from a world of distress,
Away to the mansions above,
To no one cause is the unity and fixedness of Methodist doctrine to be attributed
force than to the Hymnary which Mr. Wessey has bequeathed to his people. It has
been carefully guarded by our brethren in

shares with Dr. McFerrin the honor of having been in the General Conference of 1846. He leads the Little Rock delegation, is a heavy-set, ruddy-faced, gray-headed man of seventy years, is immensely popular in Arkansas, has been nominated for Governor, and was

Dr. E. E. Wiley has been in every General Conference since 1854. He is a very handsome old man, a native of Massachusetts, a graduate of Wesleyan University, and for forty years the president of Emory and Henry College, in the Holston Conference. If he were a little younger he would probably be

elected bishop.
Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, of the Pacific Conference, is editing the Daily Advocate. He knows everybody and loves everybody. His California sketches are equal to Bret Harte's best short stories. He occupied various positions of prominence on the Pacific Coast, and for eight rears has edited with great success the Nashville Christian Advocate.

Dr. Young is the tallest man, Dr. Morton the stoutest man, Dr. John the smallest man in the body.

Among the lay delegates, Judge Tucker, of Florida, has a very attractive face, showing culture in every line. Dr. Carlisle, of South Carolina, is the foremost educator in the body. Colonel Shumate, of Georgia; Colonel Nugent, of Mississippi; Captain Reeves, of Tennessee; Captain Figgat and Mr. of Arkansas; and Governor Shands, of Mississippi, are all prominent lawyers.
Dr. Peterson leads the singing. Dr. Whitehead is up on parliamentary law. Dr. Vincil, of Missouri, looks very much like Senator Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.

Dr. J. S. Martin of the Baltimor Conference, Dr. J. B. McFerrin of Tennessee, and Rev. Mr. Andrews of Arkansas are the only members of this Conference who were present at the Conference of 1844 that adopted the plan of separation that gave existence to the Methodist Episcopal Church,

Bishop McTyeire is a large man, is about 6 feet in height, and weighs fully 200 pounds. He has a large nose, high forehead, firmly-set lips, and small, light eyes. He wears no moustache,

but the sides of his face and chin are covered with a slight grayish-white beard. He dresses in a plain, neat sable suit, and wears an open-front, standing collar of the style of the winter of 1882-'83 with a small white neck-tie. The face of the Bishop is Roman in type, and its outlines indicate great intellectual power and decisive strength. His voice is heavy and deep, and when he speaks he winds up his sentences with a decided rising inflection. " KING COLE."

Of the lay delegates there is a distin-uished Tennessean, Colonel E. W. cole, who has been known as "King Cole, who has been with railroad en-cole" in connection with railroad en-terprises. He is perhaps the wealth-iest man in his State, and has expended a large sum in building fine business-

that State. He has subscribed a large sum in its literature—The lesse—and though a millionaire, has gone into the streets himself to entire the business public in the enterprise.

There will be a meeting of all the Methodist ministers of the city in the lecture-room of Centenary church at 10 o'clock to-morrow to make appointments for Sunday. Ministers of other denominations desiring to have their pulpits filled on that day will please report the fact at this meeting. port the fact at this meeting.

Complementary to Mr. Tyson. A concert and tableau entertainment

will be given at Corcoran Hall this evening for the benefit of J. W. Tyson under the auspices of Mrs. W. J. Peyton and Mrs. H. T. Tyler. An evening of rare enjoyment is promised to all. Captain Fitz and his amateur band, with the assistance of Professor Anderson, will render the music for the

is works for charitable purposes.

The Union Bazaar continues to draw large crowds nightly. There will be an auction to-night and to-morrow night, beginning at 9:30 o'clock. This evening Punch and Judy will be exhibited at 6 o'clock at half price for the benefit of children. A grand vocal and instruaccomplished, but even there all is not mental concert is announced for to-

[OTHER LOCAL ON THIRD PAGE.]

Excursion Season Opened The Virginia Steamboat Company offer their beautiful steamer Ariel for charter to church, military, Sundayschool, and social societies on fice different and very attractive Exbeen recently renewed and can ac-commodate one thousand excursionists,

time. Two of the plans referred to above are especially adapted to the wants of Sunday-schools and other children's parties, as it enables them to return to the city before dark on same day. This is a long felt want nicely supplied. On Sunday the 9th instant the Richmond and Alleghany railroad will re-

sume the running of its Sunday accom-

modation train, which was so popular the last season. The round-trip rates

but to insure perfect comfort only six hundred will be allowed aboard at one

on this train are very low, and the trains leave and arrive at suitable hours. Members of the General Conference are cordially invited to visit the piano and organ warerooms of Ryland & Lee, 913 Main street. This is a standing invitation. They will find Church Organs in great variety, and an immense stock of Pianos, new and second-hand,

at prices to suit the times. No trouble

to show instruments. Attention is called to the sale of a large quantity of express articles, bag-gage, and freight to be made by George W. Mayo, auctioneer, for the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company, for account of whom it may concern, at the corner of Canal and Eighth streets, on Saturday, May 8th, at 12 M.

This is the season to put out flowers in your yards. J. J. Harvey, No. 9 east Broad street, has a large collection of Verbenas, Geraniums, Colleus, Daisies, Roses, and other plants.

Beautiful Photographs to all Minis-ters attending Conference at reduced rates at the Davis Gallery, 827 Broad

The Ten-per-Cent, Clothing House is offering special inducements this week in Business-Suits and Hats. An allwool Indigo Serge for \$8.50; an allwool Gray Serge for \$8.50; an allwool Cassimere for \$8.50; an all-wool Worsted for \$8.50, and finer goods at equally low prices. Will save

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COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Messrs. James M. Mason, G. D. upon the communion represented by this Conference, upon the Conference, and upon the people of this city. The prayer closed with the Lord's Prayer, a wall of defence around our charge of those topics.